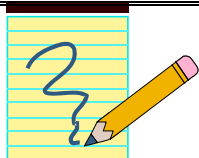




# Notice of Examination

## NATIONAL COUNSELOR EXAMINATION (NCE) AND NATIONAL CLINICAL MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELOR EXAMINATION (NCMHCE)



### EXAMINATION SCHEDULE:

All Examinations are administered on Saturday

<b>Examination Date:</b>	January 21, 2006	April 15, 2006	July 15, 2006	October 21, 2006
<b>Application Deadline:</b>	November 21, 2005	February 15, 2006	May 15, 2006	August 21, 2006
<b>Fee:</b>	\$80.00	\$80.00	\$80.00	\$80.00
 <b>Location:</b>	Lincoln, Nebraska (exact information on the location will be sent with the admission letter approximately ten days before the examination). You may access driving directions to the Nebraska State Office Bldg. Located at the intersection of 14 <sup>th</sup> and L Streets by going to our web site: <a href="http://www.hhs.state.ne.us/crl/crlindex.htm">www.hhs.state.ne.us/crl/crlindex.htm</a> and select MapQuest.			
<b>Time:</b>	8:30 a.m.	Registration and Instructions		
	9:00 a.m.	Examination Begins		
	1:00 p.m.	Examination Ends		

If your degree is in psychology, counseling or counseling related, you may request to take either of the following examinations:

1. National Board for Certified Counselor (NBCC) National Counselor Examination (NCE)  
**OR**
2. National Clinical Mental Health Counselor Examination (NCMHCE).

This option does not apply to applicants with degrees in social work or marriage and family therapy or those wishing to apply for a Certification as a MSW or MFT, as they must take the examination applicable to their degree or requesting certification.

### IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS:



Any questions you have regarding the examination or information contained in this memorandum, should be directed to the Cindy Kelley, Credentialing Specialist at the HHS R&L Credentialing Division, (402) 471-4905.

**EXAMINATION LOGISTICS AND ADMISSION:**

The NCE and NCMHCE will be administered on the same date and at the same location by the Credentialing Division of the Department of Health and Human Services Regulation and Licensure (HHS R&L). Please review the "Application for Mental Health Practitioner Examination" carefully, and indicate which examination you will be taking.

The examination location is usually at the State Office Building, which is located on 14th Street between "L" and "M". There are several commercial parking lots located by the State Office Building on "M" Street between 13th and 14th Streets. Normally parking on a Saturday, at 8:00 a.m., by the State Office Building should not be difficult to obtain, however **be sure that you allow yourself enough time to obtain a parking place, and locate the examination site.** The examination site may change depending on the number of applicants for each examination.



In order to be admitted to the examination, all applicants are required to bring the following:

1	One (1) form of photo identification with a signature affixed, such as a driver's license or equivalent identification.
2	The HHS R&L Credentialing Division Examination Admission Letter. The Admission Letter will be mailed to all scheduled candidates approximately two (2) weeks prior to the examination administration date.

**EXAMINATION ELIGIBILITY:**

To be eligible to take either the NCE or NCMHCE certification examination an individual must have obtained his/her master's degree from a regionally accredited program that consists of specified course work and training which is primarily therapeutic mental health in content. The following documents must be submitted to our office:

1	An application to take the examination
2	An official copy of your final transcript verifying the degree received and the date it was conferred
3	Course work and descriptions for each area listed for mental health practice licensure
4	A photograph for identification purposes
5	The examination fee is \$80.00

**APPLICATION DEADLINE:**

This office must receive all applications and supporting documentation no later than the examination deadline date identified on page 1 of this notice. Applications received after this date will be reviewed for approval to take the next examination.

**EXAMINATION CONTENT:****•National Counselor Examination (NCE):**

The NCE consists of 200 multiple-choice questions. The following areas are covered in the examination; however, the examination questions may not be divided equally between each area.

1	Human Growth and Development
2	Social and Cultural Foundations
3	The Helping Relationship (including counseling theories)
4	Group Dynamics, Processes and Counseling
5	Lifestyle and Career Development
6	Appraisal of Individuals
7	Research and Evaluation
8	Professional Orientation

**• National Clinical Mental Health Counselor Examination (NCMHCE):** **NOTE:** A four-page test instruction handout for the NCMHCE is enclosed for your review.

The NCMHCE is a clinical simulation exam. A clinical simulation exam is used to more realistically assess knowledge in clinical information gathering and decision making. The problems are designed to sample a broad area of competencies, not the recall of isolated facts. Therefore, the problems assess clinical problem-solving ability, including identifying, analyzing, diagnosing, and treating clinical problems.

The examination will consist of 10 clinical mental health counseling cases. Each case will be divided into 5-8 sections classified as either information gathering or decision making. The exam will cover the following areas:

**Evaluation and Assessment:**

For example:

- Identify precipitating problems or symptoms
- Conduct mental status exam
- Conduct comprehensive biopsychosocial assessment histories
- Identify individual and relationship functions

**Clinical Diagnosis and Treatment Planning:**

For example:

- Integrate client assessment and observational data with clinical judgment to formulate a differential diagnosis
- Develop a treatment plan in collaboration with the client
- Coordinate treatment plan with other service providers
- Monitor client progress toward goal attainment

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**Clinical Practice:**

For example:

- Determine if services meet client's needs
- Discuss ethical and legal issues
- Understand scope of practice parameters

The NCMHCE makes use of latent imaging as the examinee gathers information and makes decisions throughout the examination. Latent image printing involves shaded areas on the examination that correspond to each choice in each section. When the examinee selects an answer they will uncover the corresponding box with a latent image pen using gentle horizontal strokes. Printed information will appear in 2-3 seconds and provide the examinee with information, indicate the consequences of an action, or direct them to the next section for consideration.

**SCORING CRITERIA:**

Applicants are required to obtain a minimum score set at the National Cut Score.

**RESULTS:**

Results will be mailed to candidates by the HHS R&L Credentialing Division within 6 to 8 weeks following the examination date.

**RETAKES:**

To retake the NBCC/NCE or the NBCC/NCMHCE an applicant must submit a written request advising which examination they wish to take, the date of the examination, and the examination fee as listed on page 1 of this memorandum. The request to retake must be received in our office at least 35 days prior to the administration date of the examination you wish to take.

**COURTESY CANDIDATES:**

Any candidate who is applying for licensure or certification in another State, but desires to take the National Counselor Examination (NCE) or the National Clinical Mental Health Counselor Examination (NCMHCE) in the State of Nebraska must apply directly to NBCC at the following address:

NBCC/NCE or NBCC/NCMHCE Examinations  
3-D Terrace Way  
Greensboro, NC 27403

**STUDY GUIDES:**



A preparation study guide for the National Counselor Examination **or** the National Clinical Mental Health Counselor Examination may be ordered through the following address:

NBCC/**NCE** Preparation Guide  
(cost \$24.95)  
3-D Terrace Way  
Greensboro, NC 27403  
Telephone Number: (336) 547-0607  
1-800-398-5389

**OR**

NBCC/**NCMHCE** Preparation Guide  
(cost \$34.95)  
3-D Terrace Way  
Greensboro, NC 27403  
Telephone Number: (336) 547-0607  
1-800-398-5389

Additional study guide materials for the **NCE** may be requested and ordered through the following organizations:

Howard Rosenthal, Ed.D., NCC, CCMHC  
Dept. NCE, 3417 Cottonwood Dr  
St. Charles, MO 63301  
Telephone Number: 1-877-801-9331  
Web Site: [www.a-zuc.com/counseling](http://www.a-zuc.com/counseling)

Dr. Andrew A. Helwig  
1154 Loch Ness Avenue  
Broomfield, CO 80020  
Telephone Number: (303) 556-3374

Wendy Logan, MA, Ed., NCC, LPC or  
Ron Shulby, MA, Ed., LPC, NCC, CFT  
20 Battery Park Ave., Suite 807  
Asheville, NC 28801  
Telephone Number: (828) 253-0402

SOAR of America, Inc.  
2210 S. Front Street  
Suite 202  
Melbourne, FL 32901  
Telephone Number: 1-800-749-SOAR

Kim Bergeman  
Kendall/Hunt Publishing Company  
4050 Westmark Drive P O Box 1840  
Dubuque, IA 52004-1840  
Telephone Number: (800) 228-0810

The HHS R&L Credentialing Division is providing information on study guides only to make you aware they are available for use. We do not endorse any specific study guide, because there may be others of equal value.